

TRIBUTE TO LATA' BRIONE FOSTER, AAA 58TH ANNUAL TRAFFIC SAFETY POSTER CONTEST WINNER

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize a delightfully artistic five-year-old of Rochester, New York. Lata' Brione Foster has been selected, out of 83,000 entries, to win the Grand Award in the 58th Annual Traffic Safety Poster Contest sponsored by AAA.

The poster contest encourages students from Kindergarten through High School to create a poster concept that encourages correct behavior in pedestrian, bicycle, and driving techniques. The program promotes creativity and teaches students the importance of traffic safety. Miss Foster's poster will be used in the association's national safety campaign for the next year.

The first kindergartner from Western New York to win a Grand Award, Lata' will receive a \$500 savings bond from AAA. Lata' is also being honored in Washington, DC on May 3rd through 7th for Traffic Safety Week. She had the pleasure of being the Grand Marshall in the annual Safety Patrol Parade down Constitution Avenue on May 4th.

On behalf of the 28th district of New York, I congratulate Lata' Brione Foster for her hard work on such an innovative piece of art. Lata' has received a wonderful accolade and we all truly wish her many more in the future. I am sure that this is not the last time we will hear of young Lata' doing magnificent things.

TRIBUTE TO KAITLIN McCLOUGHLIN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kaitlin McLoughlin, a young woman from Troy, Michigan who has been awarded the 2002 Michigan AAA Club Patroller of the Year and the National Club Patroller of the Year.

The AAA School Safety Program began in 1920 and now includes more than 500,000 patrollers in 50,000 schools across the United States and Canada. This program helps ensure the safety of younger children while teaching responsibility to the older children.

Kaitlin has served as the Safety Patrol Captain at Our Shepherd Lutheran School for the past two years. In that capacity, she is responsible for escorting the children into the school, maintaining a weekly record of her safety squad, organizing the safety squad and assigning duty stations.

Her school principal has described Kaitlin as dependable, clear thinking, calm and well-respected. She is also very well-rounded. Kaitlin is co-captain of the school cheering squad, vice-president of the student council, acts as Mistress of Ceremonies for the school talent show and serves as co-chair for the school dance. She also helps with various school fundraisers and works in the local food bank.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Kaitlin and all this year's award recipients for their lifesaving contributions to the safety of their fellow students.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from this chamber on April 30, 2001 when rollcall votes Nos. 117, 118 and 119 were cast. I want the record to show that had I been present in this chamber at the time these votes were cast, I would have voted "yea" on each of these rollcall votes.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO EDWIN GEORGE PERLMUTTER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor today to recognize the accomplishments of Edwin George Perlmutter and his tenure in the Colorado General Assembly. For many years, Ed has faithfully served his constituents and fellow Coloradans in his service to civil, business, and volunteer communities. He is now leaving the state assembly to pursue new undertakings, and as he finds use for his talents elsewhere, I can think of no better way to thank Ed for his hard work and service than to bring forth his accomplishments before this body of Congress, and this nation.

Ed is an attorney providing law services to his community with the firm of Berenbaum, Weinshienk & Easton, P.C. since 1978. In 1994, he began his political career in the state senate and has served as Vice-Chair of the Public Policy and Planning committee, and a member of the Legal Services and Legislative Council committees. He is well regarded as a selfless volunteer to needy causes and divides his time among various charities in his area. He serves as a member of the Applewood Business Association, as well as the West, Northwest and Golden Chambers; and is frequently seen providing his energy to multiple sports youth associations, Maple Grove Elementary School, the Girl Scouts, and the Applewood Community Church. When Ed is not working in the legislature he is serving in his other role as loving husband and devoted father of three children.

Mr. Speaker, Ed has long been a valued member of our Colorado community, both as an elected official and as a citizen. While I am sure he will be missed in the Colorado State Senate, I know that he will undoubtedly succeed in his future undertakings and I am proud to be able to bring his hard work and dedication to the attention of this body of Congress, and this nation. Thank you Ed, for all of your hard work for Colorado and good luck in your future endeavors.

HONORING CHARLES R. (CHUCK)
HUGGINS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Chuck Huggins for the 30 years of service he has given to the State of Arizona. Chuck will be retiring as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Arizona AFL-CIO in May. He has served the people of Arizona well and his dedication and professionalism will be missed.

Chuck knows the challenges and rewards of being a working man. He started as an Apprentice Electrician in 1964 and soon became a Journeyman Electrician in both the mining and construction industries.

As an active member of Local 518 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, he began showing the skills and instincts necessary for leadership. But, in today's world, he knew that hard work was sometimes not enough. He realized that education was important, too. So he continued to educate himself in accounting and business management at Eastern Arizona College and the University of Houston.

Chuck has pioneered innovative programs to help Arizona's workers be better prepared to meet the economic demands of our State. He has initiated training initiatives and re-training programs that have ensured that union members who have fallen behind due to no fault of their own can meet the challenges they may face in new work environments. He has served on the Governor's Workforce Development Committee, and is an active member of his church.

Chuck believes the most effective way to build strong communities is through the organization of strong individuals. He has led the AFL-CIO members through many difficult years, when some believed that Unions were dead and they no longer spoke for the average working American. Chuck proved all this wrong and has shown his fellow Union members that they have a place at the table, they are a force, and they are the strength and backbone of our communities and society.

Mr. Speaker, there is no question that Chuck will be missed by his fellow union members and all working people. But, even more, he will be missed by the people in Arizona. Chuck kept us honest because he was honest. He knew that a hard day's work rendered a hard earned reward. He knew that if you paid the price, you moved ahead. And he showed us all how to pay the price.

Chuck, we all wish you health and happiness and give thanks for your showing us the way.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DAVID McKINNON

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2001 winner of the International Franchise Association's Entrepreneur of the Year award, David